



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 78**

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 393

*Senate, March 19, 2002*

The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT ALLOWING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR LIME GREEN OUTER CLOTHING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-313a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of any  
4 town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of persons,  
5 within available appropriations, as they deem necessary to be fire  
6 [policemen] police officers of such municipality or district, who shall  
7 have the powers and perform the duties in such municipality or  
8 district as designated and authorized by the fire chief of such  
9 municipality or district, and such fire [policemen] police officers may  
10 exercise such powers and duties in any adjoining municipality or  
11 district while on duty with the fire department or with a cooperating  
12 fire department, where the department is engaged in mutual  
13 assistance. Such powers and duties shall include traffic control and

14 regulation and may be exercised by such fire police during any fire  
15 drill or fire call or at any other time when such fire police are serving  
16 with the fire department, with any other fire department in an  
17 adjoining municipality or district or with any fire department  
18 rendering mutual assistance. Each such fire [policeman] police officer  
19 shall, while in the performance of his or her duties as such, wear his or  
20 her badge of office in plain view of any observer. Each such fire  
21 [policeman] police officer, while directing traffic, shall wear a white  
22 helmet with the words "Fire Police" in red letters on the front thereof or  
23 regulation fire-police dress uniform cap, provided any such fire  
24 [policeman] police officer, wearing such cap after dark or in inclement  
25 weather, shall also wear a traffic safety vest, orange or lime green  
26 raincoat or any reflectorized orange or lime green outer clothing, and  
27 in each case shall carry a flashlight, which shall have a red wand and  
28 be capable of projecting a clear light for the purpose of illumination at  
29 nighttime. Such helmet, cap, vest, raincoat or outer clothing, badge and  
30 flashlight shall be supplied by the appointing municipality or district.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**PS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Effect	Municipalities	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
Savings	Various Municipalities	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal

**Explanation**

Passage of the bill would permit those municipalities that have acquired lime green raincoats and outer clothing for their respective fire police officers to make use of them rather than purchase orange to comply with current statute.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT ALLOWING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR LIME GREEN OUTER CLOTHING***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows fire police officers directing traffic while wearing their regulation helmet after dark or in inclement weather to wear a lime green raincoat or outer clothing as an alternative to orange, which is required currently.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22      Nay 0